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**PATENT APPLICATION**



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of

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For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS, EXPOSURE METHOD, METHOD FOR PRODUCING DEVICE, AND OPTICAL PART

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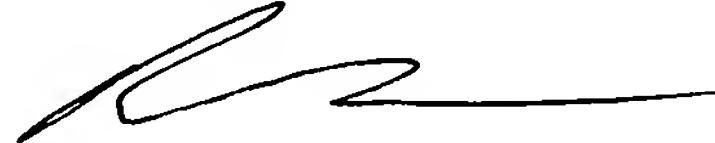
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3. An Office Action was issued in U.S. Application No. 12/232,063. A copy of the Office Action is submitted for the Examiner's consideration as Reference 2. JP-10-303114 cited therein has already been made of record.

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